

Federal Communication Commission
Washington, DC

Re: Docket number 04-233

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and misrepresentation of the public's interest.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Is this a truthful, un-bias news story or a political ad for the President?

From all the news stories, it sounds as if they are going to run a political commentary to benefit the President. If so, under the equal time rule should they not be required to air the same amount of time showing the other side?

Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. I am encouraging all my family and friends around the country not to support Sinclair television stations or the companies who advertise on the stations.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you